

### **REMARKS**

Claims 38-45 and 49-53 are pending in the application. In the final Office Action of December 28, 2005, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 38 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Isaka et al.*
- B.) Rejected claims 40, 49, 50, and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Xu et al.*
- C.) Allowed claims 39, 41-44, 51, and 52.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below.

- A.) Rejection of claims 38 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Isaka et al.*:

Claims 38 and 49 have been canceled without prejudice. However, Applicants disagree with the rejection. Applicants cancel claims 38 and 49 to allow the allowed claims to issue and reserve the right to file claims 38 and 49 in a continuation application.

- B.) Rejection of claims 40, 49, 50, and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Xu et al.*:

Claims 40, 49, 50, and 53 have been canceled. However, Applicants disagree with the rejection. Applicants cancel claims 40, 49, 50, and 53 to allow the allowed claims to issue and reserve the right to file claims 40, 49, 50, and 53 in a continuation application.

- C.) Allowance of claims 39, 41-44, 51, and 52:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 39, 41-44, 51, and 52.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of claims 39, 41-44, 51, and 52 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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